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THE BEE ON TRAINS.

All railroad news are supplied with enough Bee to accommodate every passenger who wants to read a newspaper.

INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE.

Some of the congressmen refuse to treat civil service with civility.

The time will come when a six-day bicycle race will be regarded as one of the barbarities of the past.

It is a long way between drinks from Texas to Omaha, but the delegation came home with the sober second thought that all is well that ends well.

The Transmississippi Exposition will be what its name implies, an exposition by and for the people of the transmississippi states.

The residents of Nevada are protesting to the governor loudly against revival of the lynching habit in their state.

Grover Cleveland, with gun in hand, is wading the Carolina swamps looking for ducks, which is better proof than a doctor's bulletin of the perfect health of young Richard F.

The value of an advertisement that is given away as a bonus for a 15-cent-a-week subscription is not much greater than the chrome given away to the buyer of a "twofer" cigar.

If Tom Dennison would only "come down" with a handsome Christmas gift to the Finkery he would enjoy just as much protection from his sleuths as have the other South Omaha tiger dens.

Congressman Johnson of North Dakota would dispose of the sealing problem by exterminating the seals. That is not a new idea.

The populist candidate for governor of Colorado last fall has announced that he is now a democrat, but that he has surrendered none of his principles.

Why not call the amusement section of the exposition "Oriental Avenue." That name would be suggestive without imparting the flavor of oriental nastiness that attaches to the mere mention of Midway Plaisance.

Florida will be creditably represented at the exposition. Florida has absorbed a good many wideawake and public-spirited Nebraskans that accounts largely for the public spirit she is exhibiting favoring the exposition.

Weyler was wise in not spending his money to hire a crowd of claqueurs to render him an ovation in Madrid.

The salvation army will start a bank for poor men in Kansas City.

It is to be hoped the Chinese emperor will be more considerate than to require of Li Hung Chang that he hang up his yellow jacket and peace pipe as a result of the recent land seizure by Germany off the Yellow sea.

This is the last winter appeals will be made for aid and relief for the gold seekers in Alaska unless the gold discoverers have been greatly exaggerated.

ATTACK ON CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM.

An attack on the civil service law, which it was announced before the meeting of congress would be made, has been formally started.

A conference of republican representatives, at which sixty, or a few more than one-fourth the republican members of the house, were present, appointed a committee to devise a plan of action for securing a change in the civil service law.

How the law is regarded by these republican assailants was shown in the remarks of some of them in the house of representatives last week.

Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, who is the leader of the movement, made one of his characteristic attacks on the law and Mr. Brown, another Ohio representative, denounced the law as an abomination.

These gentlemen and their associates in the war on the civil service system pretend that they do not desire the repeal of the law, but simply its modification.

It is difficult to have any faith in this profession. The tenor of their talk warrants the belief that their aim is to ultimately accomplish the abolition of the system.

As Mr. Johnson of Indiana, who ably replied to the assailants of the law, said, they do not dare to attempt the open repeal of the act, but seek to attack it covertly and insidiously.

"They pose," said Mr. Johnson, "as 'real civil service reformers' who want to prune the excesses, but I submit that the real aim and purpose, when we get to the bottom facts, is to destroy the law by piecemeal, if it be not possible to overthrow it at one fell stroke."

Were these enemies of the civil service system to secure the changes or modifications in the law they now ask there can be no doubt but they would follow up their success with a demand for further changes and thus step by step destroy the merit system and restore the spoils system.

There is very little danger, however, of this opposition to civil service reform accomplishing anything if the friends of that policy do their duty.

PROHIBITION OF PELAGIC SEALING BY ITS OWN CITIZENS AND APPLY THE DRASTIC POLICY PROPOSED BY MR. DINGIEY IN THE LAST CONGRESS.

A bill making provision for this is to be introduced in the house and favorable action on it, in the event of the Canadian government refusing to enter into a satisfactory arrangement for putting an end to indiscriminate seal killing, is more than probable.

Doubtless sentimental reasons will be urged against such a course, but it would be no more barbarous than leaving the seal to be slaughtered by the pelagic hunters, who make no discrimination as to sex in their killing, and in bringing to a close an irritating controversy it would be in the interest of peace.

Sooner or later, under existing conditions, the extermination of the seal herd is inevitable and if the reasonable proposals of our government for the protection of the seals are not accepted it would be good public policy to wipe out the cause of controversy.

Will the police commission ever awaken to its sworn duty to give Omaha efficient police protection? There never was a time since we have had a police commission that the police was so badly demoralized, incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial as it is at this time.

There is no competent direction, no discipline and no disposition to protect the community from the lawless element. This has no reference to the enforcement of the Stoenboom law, but to the unchecked raids by footpads, pickpockets, burglars and common thieves, who naturally gravitate into towns that do not expose them to the annoyance of police interference and the risk of criminal prosecution.

The mayor is the chief executive officer of the city and in the official discharge of his duty every officer of the city is in duty bound to obey his orders.

To this chief of police can be no exception. There can be no two heads to a city government, and while the police commission has a right to establish and enforce rules for the government of the police, the mayor unquestionably has the right to direct the chief of police to carry out any order he may deem necessary for the proper enforcement of the law.

Another interpretation of the powers and duties of the chief executive of the city must lead to disorder and anarchy.

The declaration of a London newspaper that the president's message has "disappointed everybody in the attempt to give universal satisfaction" is of itself proof that the message had many good qualities.

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WANTED-A GREAT SUMMER HOTEL.

Now that the magnitude of the exposition is beginning to dawn upon this community the most serious problem that confronts it is to make provision for ample hotel accommodations.

It is admitted by all who are conversant with existing conditions that this is the weakest point in Omaha's exposition project. There will doubtless be a sufficient number of ordinary hotels to accommodate all the people of moderate pretensions, but there is a lamentable want of hotel facilities for the entertainment of guests that are willing to pay for elegant quarters and accommodations that are to be found in all large cities.

For this class of visitors Omaha must improvise one or more hotels built on the seaside and mountain summer resort plan. Such structures can be built on very short notice and yet afford luxurious appointments during the exposition season.

A hotel building covering a whole square, constructed upon the same order as the exposition buildings and containing 1,200 rooms, 150 of which may be provided with baths, can be erected for from \$60,000 to \$75,000.

At \$1.50 a day on the average for each room and not counting the income from restaurants, barber shops, news and cigar stands and other salerooms on the ground floor, the revenues would repay the cost of the building and leave a balance of from \$90,000 to \$75,000 to the investors.

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Assume that the structure were abandoned for hotel purposes, its conversion into one or more assembly halls or into an armory would still enable the owner to make it yield sufficient revenue to pay taxes and interest at 5 per cent upon the value of the ground.

This estimate is by no means chimerical, nor is the time for carrying it into effect too short. It will be remembered that George Francis Train built the Cozzen's hotel within sixty days, when the facilities for rapid construction were the best of the city.

It will also be remembered that the Cozzen's house was equal to the best of hotels in its day except in the character of the material of which it was built.

In these days of machine-made woodwork, ornamental staff, glazed tiling, porcelain bath tubs, electric lamps, it need not take more than ninety days to improvise a hotel of colossal proportions with conveniences and appointments that will satisfy the wants of the most fastidious tourist.

REASONS WHY THE UNITED STATES SHOULD LEAVE THE ISLAND ALONE.

With the meeting of congress this week the prospect of annexing Hawaii will be agitated very earnestly.

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It is simply the difference between the quick, the shrewd, the pettifogger and the self-soliciting lawyer who realize that his profession is one of dignity.

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OPPOSITION TO ANNEXATION.

Chicago Chronicle: One evil corrects another. The disappointed Hawaiian annexationists in congress will revenge themselves by setting the Cuban jingoes over the fence.

Philadelphia Record: After a count of noses the promoters of Hawaiian annexation have deemed it unsafe to push the consideration of the treaty upon the immediate consideration of the senate.

Springfield Republican: The hopes of the Hawaiian annexationists have been entirely upon the passage of some such measure as a joint resolution modeled after that providing for the annexation of Texas, but not specifying that Hawaii should come in as a state.

Indianapolis News: The United States is at peace, and in spite of heated political wrangles and the oft-repeated prediction that we are going to "be dominated hereafter," we are astonishing the world with our progress in commerce, in manufacture, in art, in literature.

Philadelphia Ledger: Before congress met we were told that two-thirds of the senators were ready to vote for the Hawaiian treaty.

Chicago Record: To announce that you don't care for annexation is like saying you don't care for a bill providing for annexation.

Washington Star: "Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "dar wouldn't be so much objection to a man having his own opinion of his own country as to have a man who's got his own opinion of his own country."

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